

Appl. No. 10/796,540  
Amdt. Dated July 28, 2006  
Reply to Office action of April 10, 2006

### **REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Claims 1-30 are pending in the present application.

This Amendment is in response to the Office Action mailed April 10, 2006. In the Office Action, the Examiner objected to claims 6, 16, and 26 due to minor informalities, rejected claims 1-3, 4, 6, 7, 10, 11-13, 14, 16, 17, 20-23, 24, 26 27, and 30 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e); and claims 4, 7, 10, 14, 17, 20, 24, 27, and 30 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a). In addition, the Examiner indicated allowable subject matter for claims 5, 8, 9, 15, 18, 19, 25, 28, and 29 if they are rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicants have canceled claims 1, 11, and 21, and amended claims 2, 3, 5, 6, 8, 10, 12, 13, 15, 16, 18, 20, 22, 23, 25, 26, 28, and 30. Applicants preserve the right to continue prosecuting the cancelled claims in the future. Reconsideration in light of the amendments and remarks made herein is respectfully requested.

#### ***Claim Objections***

The Examiner objects to claims 6, 16, and 26. Applicants have amended claims 6, 16, and 26 as suggested by the Examiner. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw the objection to claims 6, 16, and 26.

#### ***Allowable Subject Matter***

Applicants note with appreciation the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter. The Examiner objects to claims 5, 8, 9, 15, 18, 19, 25, 28, and 29 as being dependent on a rejected base claim, but indicates that the claims would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicants have amended claims 5, 15, and 25 to include all of the limitations of independent claims 1, 11, and 21. Applicants respectfully request that newly amended claims 5, 15, and 25 and all claims that depend therefrom be allowed.

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### Conclusion

Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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